

NCIC CTG Committee on Economic Analysis

Terms of Reference for Members of the Committee

Purpose:

- To apply criteria for deciding whether an NCIC CTG trial should have an economic analysis component
- To develop and adapt standard methodologies to be used for economic analysis in NCIC CTG trials
- Review intergroup trials to consider participation on economic analysis that are included in the trial design
- To facilitate the development of economic analysis skills and their application within the NCIC CTG clinical trials community
- To interact with other health economists, cooperative groups, industry and regulatory agencies on issues of, criteria for, and methodology of economic analysis in clinical trials.
- Disseminate/publish the results of economic analysis conducted through the NCIC CTG

In establishing the Committee, the Clinical Trials Committee has been motivated by several developments, most importantly that economic considerations are becoming more significant in the decision to adopt new therapies. Increasingly, it is expected that the economic merits of a new therapy will be explored at the same time as its therapeutic merits. Members of the cancer care community want to be knowledgeable and competent in the application of economic tools to their practice, and the clinical trials arena can be an effective setting in which to learn and apply these skills.

NCIC CTG has several advantages in undertaking leadership in this area. It has objectivity, previous success in launching the development of Quality of life as a new field, good relations with industry, and a long tradition of bringing people to learn and work collaboratively.

The Committee on Economic Analysis will meet twice a year at the Spring and Fall Meetings of the NCIC CTG.

Term of Membership: Three years (renewable)